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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 500,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS. Chairman—H. HOPKINS, Esq. Deputy Chairman—F. D. SAMPSON, Esq. E. R. BELLING, Esq. WILHELM REINERS, Esq. W. H. FORBES, Esq. H. W. KENNEDY, Esq. A. MOLVER, Esq. ED. TOBIN, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER. Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. MANAGER. Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED. ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " " 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1877.

Authorized by Imperial Edict, dated the 2nd Day of the 9th Moon, of the 11th Year of Kwong-Su, (Oct. 8, 1877.)

£1,604,276. 0. 10 STOCK. IN BONDS OF £100 EACH.

Bearing Interest from 31st December, 1877, the first Coupon of £1.68 being payable on 28th February, 1878, and Coupons of £4 being payable thereafter on 31st August and 28th February in each year, until 14th June, 1884, when the last Coupon of £2.68 will be payable. The Bonds are redeemable at par within seven years (1884) by half-yearly drawings.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN LONDON, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

PRICE OF ISSUE, 98 PER CENT.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, 81, Lombard Street, London, as Agents for the Chinese Government, hereby invite Subscriptions for £1,604,276. 0. 10 of 8 per cent. Bonds at the issue price of 98 per cent. payable as follows:—40 " on application. 40 " do. 15 days after allotment. 40 " do.

The Bonds will bear interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly on the 28th February and 31st August at the offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in London, Hongkong, and Shanghai. The first Coupon for £1.68 for interest from 31st December, 1877, to 28th February, 1878, will be payable on the latter date, and Coupons of £4 will be payable thereafter on 31st August and 28th February in each year, until 14th June, 1884, when the final Coupon of £2.68 will be payable.

The Bonds will be redeemed at par with interest by thirteen half-yearly drawings of £114,600 each, the balance of the Loan, £114,676. 0. 10, being paid off on 14th June, 1884.

The Drawings will take place in London in December and June in each year, and the Bonds so drawn will be paid off at par on the succeeding 28th February and 31st August at the offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Banks.

Shanghai Banking Corporation in London, Hongkong, and Shanghai, after which dates interest on the Bonds so drawn will cease.

The Loan has been authorized by an Imperial Edict, dated 8th of October, 1877, which has been communicated to the British Legation at Peking, according to a dispatch from the British Consul at Shanghai, dated 20th October, 1877.

The Loan, principal and interest, is specially secured by the hypothecation of the Imperial Maritime Customs' Revenue of the Ports of Shanghai, Canton, Ningpo, and Hankow—the four Ports which have the largest Customs' Revenue of the Empire—to the extent necessary for the due payment of interest and repayment of principal of the said Loan.

The total Customs' Receipts at the Ports named for the past three years have averaged £2,005,500 per annum, and the total Customs' Revenue for the same period at all the Ports in China has averaged £8,560,000 per annum.

The indebtedness of the Imperial Government only amounts to about £700,000, of which about £250,000 mature next year. The amounts of the outstanding Loans and the proposed Loan are therefore, together, only £2,200,000, or about two-thirds of one year's Customs' Revenue. The payments both of interest and principal on account of outstanding Loans have been duly and punctually met by the Chinese Government.

The special hypothecation of Customs' Revenue to meet the charge of the present Loan is constituted by the deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation of Customs' Bonds, signed by the Chinese authorities of the respective Provinces in which the Ports referred to are situated, and by the European Commissioners at the same Ports, which Bonds will be held by the Bank in trust for the holders of this Loan. These Customs' Bonds will be received, in case of need, in payment of Chinese Customs' Duties.

The Customs' Revenue available to meet these obligations, and for which they are specially charged, is £2,100,000 per annum.

Certified translations of the official documents authorizing the Loan, may be inspected at the office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, London.

Applications in the annexed form, accompanied by a deposit of £10 per cent., will be received by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, 81, Lombard Street, London.

Applications from China, Japan, and Manila will be received and forwarded by the Hongkong and Shanghai Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Those from the Straits Settlements and India to be sent to London.

Default in payment of any instalment at the due date will render all previous payments liable to forfeiture.

If no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full; and if only a portion of the amount applied for is allotted, the balance of the deposit will be applied towards the payment of the amount due on all allotments.

Stamp Certificates to Bearer will be issued against Allotment Letters and Bankers' Receipts, and Bonds to Bearer, when ready, will be exchanged for fully paid-up Scrip.

Forms of Application can be obtained of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their offices in London, Hongkong, and Shanghai.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1877.

TO BE RETAINED BY THE BANKERS.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1877.

For £1,604,276. 0. 10 STERLING.

No.

TO THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

I request that you will allot me £..... of Bonds of the above Loan in accordance with the Prospectus issued by you dated..... upon which I have paid the Deposit of £10 per cent., being at the rate of 10 per cent., and I engage to accept the said Bonds or any less number you may allot me, and to make the remaining payments thereon in accordance with the Prospectus.

Name at full length.....

Address.....

Occupation.....

Date..... 1877.

BANKERS' RECEIPT TO BE RETAINED BY THE APPLICANT.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1877.

For £1,604,276. 0. 10 STERLING.

No.

Received this..... day of.....

1877, from..... pounds, being a Deposit made on application for..... of Bonds of the above Loan.

For THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

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WITH reference to the foregoing Prospectus APPLICATIONS will be RECEIVED by the Undersigned until the 15th of DECEMBER next, on which Date the Allotment will be made, and the final instalment of 48 per cent. will be payable on the 31st December, 1877. Exchange on Applications received in Hongkong will be calculated at the rate of 4/ per dollar.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Agents for the Loan.

Banks.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

CAPITAL..... £800,000. RESERVE FUND..... £110,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND. THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

Local Bills discounted, and Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Deposits for fixed periods on terms which may be ascertained on application. d68

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE LAND AND HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY, &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (unless previously disposed of by Private Sale), on

MONDAY,

the 31st December, 1877, at Noon, at their Sale Room, Praya Central,—

The following PIECES or PARCELS of GROUND, with the Buildings erected thereon.

First.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in Victoria, Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as the remaining portion of Inland Lot No. 41, abutting on the North side thereof on a Public Road, and measuring thereon 153 feet, on the South side thereof on Section 4 of the aforesaid Inland Lot No. 41 and measuring thereon 75 feet and 55 feet, on the East side thereof on a Public Road, and measuring thereon 88 feet, on the West side thereof on a Close Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 201, and measuring thereon 36 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole about 8,000 square feet, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$73.01, together with the Messuages or Tenements standing thereon, at present leased by D. BUTTNER, Esq.

Second.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in the Poko-fum District of Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as FARM Lot No. 26, abutting on the North side thereof on Closes Registered in the Land Office as Farm Lots Nos. 18 and 25, and measuring thereon 1,200 feet, on the South side thereof on Government Ground, and measuring thereon 600 feet, on the East side thereof on a Water Course, and measuring thereon 1,400 feet, and on the West side thereof on the Sea at high Water Mark, and measuring thereon 700 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 221 Acres, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$53.40.

And,

All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in the Poko-fum District of Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as FARM Lot No. 30, abutting on the South side thereof on a Close Registered in the Land Office as Farm Lot No. 29, on the East side thereof on the road to Aberdeen, and on the North and West sides thereof on a Water Course, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 34 Acres, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$12; together with a quantity of Building Materials at present contained in and about the houses described as "Belmont" upon the aforesaid Lots.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed or Deeds of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser.

The Property to be at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, October 31, 1877. d68

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

DANISH BEER.

TUBORG FABRIK, 87 per Case quarts.

89 per Case pints.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Sole Agents. Hongkong, November 7, 1877. d67

FOR SALE.

SHAMSHO CANTON.

THE Desirable PROPERTY known as Lot No. 45, consisting of Commodious DWELLING HOUSE, OFFICES and SILE GARDEN.

For particulars, apply to G. M. SMITH, Canton.

October 15, 1877.

For Sale.

LAMBERT ATKINSON & CO.

HAVE FOR SALE.

AMERICAN COOKING & PARLOUR STOVES.

BRUSSELS and TAPESTRY CARPETS various patterns.

VELVET and TAPESTRY SOFA.

DOOR MATS.

HORSE BLANKETS.

Central and Fire CARTRIDGE CASES.

Gun-Wads, PERCUSSION CAPS.

STATIONERY, of every description.

BOOKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.

NOVELS, SCHOOL BOOKS.

SHEET MUSIC and SONGS.

Fresh APPLES and LEMONS.

SALMON BELLIES, in KILN.

MACKEREL, TONGUES and SOUNDS.

Family EGG POKE, and Prime Mess BEEF, in Kegs 25 lb. each.

CHICKEN, SADELLER, and Spiced ANCHOVIES.

Prime American BACON and HAMS.

Cooking JAMS and JELLIES Assorted.

GRAHAM FLOUR, CORN MEAL, RYE MEAL, &c. &c.

Canned Dessert FRUITS.

Compressed CORNED BEEF, and BEEF TONGUES.

PICKLED SALMON, in Quantities to suit Purchasers.

CHOSE & BLACKWELL'S OILMAN'S STORES, of every kind: Fresh Supplies received by every Steamer.

CLARET in Cask (BANDON), Superior Quality.

HAROLD PERKIN'S PORTER, in Hogsheads and Kilderkins.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by E. & J. BUCKE, in Pints and Quarts.

Base PALE ALE, Bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, in Pints and Quarts.

Hongkong, November 23, 1877.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co., PLUMBERS, and GAS FITTERS, Queen's Road East.

September 15, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE OFFICE of the UNDERSIGNED has been REMOVED to No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

MEYER & Co. Hongkong, November 19, 1877. d68

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. ROGERS begs to say that he has RETURNED, and is now ready to receive Patients.

Hongkong, November 22, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. STOUT has RETURNED, and will be ready to receive Patients on MONDAY, the 24th instant, until further notice, at his Rooms, Ground Floor, HONGKONG, UNWING.

Office hours, 8 to 12 Noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

NOTICE.

LADIES or GENTLEMEN desirous of having their PIANOS TUNED or REPAIRED before the Coming Season, are requested to give their Orders at once, to prevent disappointment.

Orders may be left, care of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

A. HAHN, Pianoforte Warehouse, Praya East.

Hongkong, November 20, 1877. d64

DEVORE'S BRILLIANT OIL.

RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL, SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packages. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS and PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVORE'S BRILLIANT" are stamped on the case, and the words "DEVORE & CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the tin.

THE DEVORE MANUFACTURING Co., 80 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets, NEW YORK, U.S.A.

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Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

45, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, August 20, 1877. d62

HUNYADI JÁNOS WATER.

THE BEST NATURAL APERIENT.

BARON LIEBIG affirms that "his richness in APERIENT SALTS surpasses that of all known WATERS."

WHOLESALE OR RETAIL OF A. S. WATSON & Co., Hongkong Dispensary.

Hongkong, November 2, 1877. d62

W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 15, 1876.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present Five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March, 1878, to the Secretary of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply any information required.

By Order of the Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, September 15, 1877. apl

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR PORT DARWIN & COOKTOWN.

The British Steamer "CHARLTON," Captain JOHNSON, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 29th inst., at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to HOP KEE & Co. Hongkong, November 23, 1877. no29

FOR MANILA.

The Steamship "ESMERALDA," Capt. THERRAULT, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 30th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to J. Y. V. SHAW, Agent. Hongkong, November 26, 1877. no30

FOR YOKOHAMA.

The British Steamship "BERTHA," Langley, Master, shortly expected, will have quick despatch at above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to WM. PUSTAU & CO., Agents. Hongkong, November 24, 1877.

The Eastern & Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "SOMERSET" will be despatched from SINGAPORE for BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, (calling at the usual Australian Coast Ports), on the 10th December next.

For Freight or Passage, apply to the Undersigned, who are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, November 19, 1877.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TANAI," Comdt. DELAMARELLE, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

H. DE POUY, Agent. Hongkong, November 24, 1877.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "DUMNAH," Comdt. CHAMPAGNE, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DE POUY, Agent. Hongkong, November 24, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A. 1. British Ship "ISLES OF THE SOUTH," DENNETT, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, October 10, 1877.

FOR LONDON.

The A. 1. 100 years splendid British Clipper Ship "SYDENHAM," A. MILLAR, Commander, will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Agents. Hongkong, September 27, 1877.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR YOKOHAMA & HOGO.

The British Steamer "ZANZIBAR," shortly expected from Singapore, will have quick despatch at above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MELOHERS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, November 22, 1877.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR DUNEDIN (N.Z.).

The A. 1. German Barque "MARIE," Capt. BURMEISTER, will load here for the above Port, and have a quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ROZARIO & Co. Hongkong, November 14, 1877.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

To-day's Advertisements.

VICTORIA REGATTA.
TWENTY-SECOND MEETING.
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
21st and 22nd December, 1877.

PATRON.
His Excellency JOHN POPE HENNESSY, O.M.G.

VIC-PATRON.
COMMODORE WATSON, R.N.

STEWARDS.
H. B. GIBB, Esq., Hon. W. KESWICK.
W. H. FORBES, Esq., Hon. Col. BASSANO,
H. HOPKINS, Esq., O.B.
G. B. KNOTT, Esq.

COMMITTEE.
T. JACKSON, Esq., CHAIRMAN.
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DUDLEY C. TRAVERS, Esq., Honorary Secretary.

JUDGES.
J. P. McEURN, Esq., R.N.

ROWING. Hon. C. C. SMITH.
YACHTS. E. BEATT, Esq.
OPEN SAILING BOATS. E. BURNIE, Esq.

STARTERS.
Hon. C. C. SMITH.
Hon. E. BEATT, Esq.
Hon. E. BURNIE, Esq.

FIRST DAY,
FRIDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 1877.

FIRST RACE.—1 P.M.
Junior Sculls. For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Entrance \$5. Distance One Mile. Prize, "Brokers' Cup." Open to any one who has never won a Sculling Race in China and Japan.

SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M.
For Gigs pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Out-rigger Boats excluded.

THIRD RACE.—2 P.M.
The "Chairman's Cup," for Four-Oared Canoeing Outers. Distance One mile and a half. Entrance \$10.

FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M.
For Men-of-War's Gigs and Whalers. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. No time allowed for Oars.

FIFTH RACE.—3 P.M.
"LADIES' PURSE," for Single Pair Sculling Boats. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$5.

SIXTH RACE.—3.30 P.M.
For House Boats. Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Time for Oars, 6 seconds per Oar.

SEVENTH RACE.—4 P.M.
International Race. "Challenge Cup"—presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for Four-Oared Canoeing Outers. To be won two consecutive years before being held. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10.

SAILING RACE.
For Men-of-War's Boats, any rig. Entrance \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10.

YACHT RACE.
For all Yachts. Entrance \$5. Time allowed for Tonnage, 15 seconds per ton. Cup presented.

SECOND DAY,
SATURDAY, 22nd DECEMBER, 1877.

FIRST RACE.—1 P.M.
For Gigs pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Second Race on first day, and out-rigger Boats excluded.

SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M.
For House Boats. Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Sixth Race on first day excluded. Time for Oars, 6 seconds per Oar.

THIRD RACE.—2 P.M.
"Members' Cup"—presented by Members of "The Victoria Recreation Club"—for Four-Oared Canoeing Outers. Distance One Mile and a half. Entrance \$10. Winner of "The Chairman's Cup" excluded.

FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M.
For Men-of-War's Outers. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. No time allowed for Oars.

FIFTH RACE.—3 P.M.
Senior Sculls. Cup presented by the Police Community. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$5. Winner of the "Ladies' Purse" excluded.

SIXTH RACE.—3.30 P.M.
For Officers of H.M.S. Audacious against Fleet in harbour. Cup presented by the Members of the Hongkong Club, to be rowed in Canton Fong. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10.

SEVENTH RACE.—4 P.M.
"American Cup," open to all Members and Honorary Members of the Victoria Recreation Club, to be rowed in Canton Fong. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10.

SAILING RACE.
For all Open Boats. Outers excluded. Entrance \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10.

YACHT RACE.
For all Yachts. Entrance \$5. Time allowed for Tonnage, 15 seconds per ton. Cup presented by the Victoria Recreation Club.

DUDLEY C. TRAVERS,
Hon. Secretary, Victoria Recreation Club.
At 5 o'clock, 21st November, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR HAIPHONG (DIRECT.)
The Steamship
"HOLYROOD"
will be despatched for the above Port, on THURSDAY, the 29th inst., at 5 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEPHERD & Co.
Hongkong, November 27, 1877. no29

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.
The Steamship
"DOUGLAS"
will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 30th inst., at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAK & Co.
Hongkong, November 27, 1877. no30

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.
The British Ship
"SEA BELLE"
Captain Ross, will load here for the above Ports, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
HOP KEE & Co.
Hongkong, November 27, 1877.

FOR HAMBURG AND LONDON.
The British Ship
"ONIDA"
S. OLYMA, Master, having 3/4ths of her Cargo engaged, will load here as above, and will be despatched on or about the 31st December.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, November 27, 1877.

VICTORIA REGATTA, 1877.

ENTRIES for RACES in the above Regatta may be made to any one of the undermentioned Gentlemen:—
H. E. WOODHOUSE, Esq.,
Lieut. WALKER, 28th Regt.,
W. HYNES, Esq.,
C. V. SMITH, Esq.,
E. BEATT, Esq.,
H. M. SCHULTZ, Esq., or to
D. C. TRAVERS, Esq.,
Hon. Sec., Victoria Recreation Club.
Hongkong, November 27, 1877.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Argyl having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, uninsured against fire.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, November 27, 1877. de4

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE British S. S. Japan, Captain H. DE SMITH, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, November 27, 1877. de4

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF TOKIO will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th December, at Noon, taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Indian Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

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A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT on regular rates is granted to OFFICERS of the ARMY and NAVY, and MEMBERS of the CIVIL and CONSULAR SERVICES in COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., 18th December. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, RYAN CENTRAL.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, November 27, 1877. de19

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crews of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ALPHEUS, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham.—Wielser & Co.

CILVAVAT, British ship, Captain E. Shrewsbury.—Wielser & Co.

COLONADO, American ship, Captain Ingraham.—Russell & Co.

KATE CARBID, British barque, Captain James Wilson.—Melchers & Co.

BROOKHILL, British ship, Captain H. Bate.—Russell & Co.

JACATHA, Dutch brig, Captain Dickson.—Melchers & Co.

CHARLES OAK, American ship, Captain Stapler.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

FORNOSA, German s.s. schooner, Capt. Schwen.—Melchers & Co.

ARVIL, British steamer, Captain D. Scott.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
Nov. 26, *Malina*, German barque, H. Klinge, Master, from Nov. 17, Beana, Wier & Co.
Nov. 26, 7 p.m., *Towin*, French steamer, 1155 G. De la Marella, Yokohama Nov. 20, Mada and General.—Messageries MARITIMES.
Nov. 26, *Alexandra*, British barque, 407, Walter Elliott, Liverpool May 23, Coal—DOUGLAS LAFRAK & Co.
Nov. 27, *Peng-chou-hai*, Chinese B. C., from Canton.
Nov. 27, *Chen-chi*, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.
Nov. 27, *Li-shi*, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.
Nov. 27, *China*, German steamer, 647, Ackermann, Shanghai Nov. 24, General.—SIEMENS & Co.
Nov. 27, *Argyl*, British steamer, 1970, D. Scott, Calcutta Nov. 11, Penang 17, and Singapore 20, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Nov. 27, *Japan*, British steamer, 1855, H. de Smith, Calcutta Nov. 11, Penang 17, and Singapore 20, General.—DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Nov. 27, *Djavanah*, French steamer, from Marseilles, via Saigon, Nov. 23, Mada and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

DEPARTURES.
Nov. 27, *Haikong*, for Coast Ports.
27, *Zamboanga*, for Amoy.
27, *Orestes*, for Shanghai.
27, *Pernambuco*, for Swatow.
27, *Danube*, for Bangkok.

CLEARED.
Memnon, for Manila.
Jacatra, for Saigon.
Abiel Abbot, for New York.
Norma, for Swatow.
Augusta, for Honolulu.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Per *Malina*, from Newchwang, Mr and Mrs K. M. Hobson, two children and servant.
Per *Towin*, from Yokohama: for Singapore, Mr de Orléans; for Amoy, Mrs. Bauer, infant and her servant, Mr and Mrs. Dury, Messrs. Barfara, Ebell, Gougan, Dackoku, Folsom, White, and ten Japanese Students.
Per *Peng-chou-hai*, from Canton, H.E. The Hoppe of Canton, and Mr T. Marsh Brown.
Per *Li-shi*, from Canton, Mr J. McL. Brown (Commissioner of Customs, Canton).
Per *China*, from Shanghai, Messrs. Peters and Campbell, 70 Chinese and one European deck.
Per *Japan*, from Calcutta, &c., Mrs. H. de Smith, Miss Walla, and 300 Chinese.
Per *Argyl*, from Calcutta, &c., 163 Chinese.
DEPARTED.
Per *Haikong*, for Swatow, Mr. Rutherford; for Fochow, Mr. Haynes.
Per *Orestes*, for Shanghai, Messrs. P. Holt and J. Swire.
Per *Pernambuco*, for Swatow, Mr. H. Ebell, and 180 Chinese.
Per *Zamboanga*, for Amoy, 50 Chinese.
Per *Danube*, for Bangkok, 168 Chinese.
TO DEPART.
Per *Norma*, for Swatow, 150 Chinese.
Per *Augusta*, for Honolulu, 383 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The German barque *Malina* reports: Strong to moderate N.W. winds to S.W. with light variable winds, and latter part moderate monsoon.
The British barque *Alexandra* reports: On the 9th of November, spoke the British barque *Chinaman*, from Hongkong bound for New York, 6 days out, in Lat. 11.02 N. and Long. 111 E.
The German steamer *China* reports: Fine weather and moderate monsoon all the passage, passed P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer and F. M. S. S. China under Lam-mock, and S. S. Amoy under Oupoh.
The British steamer *Argyl* reports: Fresh N.E. winds and heavy sea from Singapore.
The British steamer *Japan* reports: After leaving Singapore experienced moderate N.E. monsoon up to 7 N., from thence to port strong N.E. monsoon and heavy sea.

Charters Elected.
The following charters have been effected during the last few days:—
American barque *Chinon*, 623, Oebu to New York, or Boston, or London, or Liverpool, private.
British ship *Onida*, 2285, hence to Hamburg, private.
British barque *Golden Bussat*, 408, hence to Hamburg, private.
British barque *Faith*, 481, Manila to London, or Liverpool, Sugar \$2 per ton of 20 cubic feet, Hemp \$3, if all Sugar \$2.50, 30 day days.
British schooner *Ses Belle*, 212, hence to Melbourne and Sydney, private.
German brig *Carl*, 315, hence to Sourabaya, \$950 in full, 21 day days.
German ship *Garda* & *Maria*, 354, hence to Batavia and Samarang, \$1,600 in full, 30 day days.
American barque *Philip Fitzgerald*, 582, hence to Singapore, \$1,050 in full, 15 day days.
British steamer *Pernambuco*, 648, Swatow to Singapore, Passengers \$8 per head, 12 day days.
British steamer *Rigo*, 321, Swatow to Singapore, Passengers \$8 per head, 12 day days.
The British ship *Elizabeth Nicholson*, 900 tons, left for Manila, seeking.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.
MAILS will close:—
For SWATOW.—
Per H.L.O.M.S. *PENG-CHOU-HAI*, at 7.50 a.m. To-morrow, the 28th inst., instead of as previously notified.
Per *NORNA*, at 7.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 28th inst.
For PORT PHANOM & COOKTOWN.—
Per *CHARLTON*, at 2.40 p.m., on Thursday, the 28th inst.
For HAIPHONG & HANOI.—
Per *HOLYROOD*, at 4.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 28th inst.
For MANILA.—
Per *ESMERALDA*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 30th inst.
For YOKOHAMA & SAN FRANCISCO.—
Per *BELOIC*, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 30th inst., instead of as previously notified.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.
The publication of this issue commenced at 8.00 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, NOV. 27, 1877.

The fall of Erzerum, on which General Laris Melikoff with all the troops under his command except the division left at Kars is said to be marching, is, we fear, a mere question of time. Erzerum, the strong bulwark of Armenia in olden times, is perhaps, in itself, but a feeble fortress in these days of improved artillery, although very little has been made known as to what its present defences really are. The statement that the Sultan has ordered the garrison to resist the Russians, looks very much as if the policy of defending the place at all was in question. Correspondents of newspapers visiting there have hinted occasionally of the neglected state of its armaments and of the preparations being made to place them in a more formidable condition; and a recent telegram asserted that Mukhtar Pasha, after his retreat from Kars, was busy himself with the defences of the place, but all these reports by no means indicate that Erzerum is a place prepared to offer a lengthened resistance to a strong, determined, and well-equipped, besieging army, such as is now assembled before it. The question of provisions also becomes an important one in a town containing at least tens of thousands of non-combatant persons, although since the Russian advance on the place became probable the Turks have no doubt had time to throw immense stores of food into the place. The hopes of Erzerum, however, must mainly lie in the direction of relief from the outside, and here the prospect is an exceedingly gloomy one. It is said the Russians had 70,000 troops before Kars, their forces in Asia having been reinforced by nearly 40,000 fresh men during the five or six weeks previous. On the other hand Mukhtar Pasha's forces on the day of his disastrous defeat were reckoned at not more than 40,000, including fourteen battalions drawn from the Kars garrison. Probably the Turkish General lost nearly half his men in the fight ending in his flight to Kars, and, after making up the garrison of that fortress to probably nearly 10,000 men, he must have had less than 20,000 men with which to continue his fight in the direction of Erzerum. Since then, however, Mukhtar Pasha has been reinforced by the army of Ismail Pasha and troops from Constantinople and other places, and probably has now under his command an army equal in numbers to that on the day of his defeat. The Russians, however, must also have been reinforced by the concentration of the whole of their forces in Asiatic Turkey upon Kars and Erzerum, and 40,000 men will never enable Mukhtar Pasha to raise the siege of Erzerum. Nor in the present position of affairs is it easy to see how more troops, fit to meet the trained soldiers of Russia, can be spared by the Turkish authorities for the Asiatic campaign. Erzerum is a town of about 60,000 inhabitants, built on a plain at an elevation of about 6000 feet above the level of the sea. It was taken by the Russians in 1829, but was restored to Turkey in the following year.

It will be seen by one of the telegrams which we extract from the *Strait Times* Extra that the United States House of Representatives has "adopted free coinage (10¢) a standard silver dollar, making the same a legal tender." In our last summary of news by the American mail we gave the text of what was no doubt the Bill for introducing this change. It was introduced by Senator Ingalls, and read as follows: "Be it enacted, etc., that there shall be from time to time, coined at the Mints of the United States, silver dollars of 412½ grains standard silver to a dollar, as provided for in the Act of January 18th, 1837, and that the said dollar shall be a legal tender for all debts, public and private, except where payment of gold coin is required by law." The Bill has no doubt, yet to pass the Senate, and if it pass that stage, it will remain to be seen what effect it will have on the silver question.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLEMENT TO THE "CHINA MAIL."] (By Southern Route)
LONDON, 26th Nov. 1877.

Marshall MacMahon experiences great difficulty in forming a new Cabinet.

THE WAR.

A Russian Division has been left at Kars, and General Laris Melikoff with the remainder of the Russian troops is marching against Erzerum.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The M. M. steamer *Djennah*, with the French mail, arrived as we were going to press.

We observe that the O. & O. steamer *Belgie* will leave on Saturday week, the 8th December.

The P. & O. S. S. *Tobacco*, with the outward mail, left Singapore for this port at 8 a.m. yesterday (Monday).

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s str. *City of Tokio*, with the next American mail, left Yokohama for this port on Saturday, the 24th instant.

A Marine Court of Inquiry will be held at the Harbour Master's Office, at noon on Thursday next, the 29th instant, to investigate the circumstances attending the loss of the British barque *Quinberry*.

We are glad to learn that the Amateur Dramatic Club are again in harness, and that rehearsals have commenced. "Nine Points of the Law" and "Boots at the Swan" will be presented to the public on an early day.

The number of deaths by the *Yesso* catastrophe up to the present moment is 75; none died to-day. These deaths are only of those known to the Police, there being others who did not get into the hands of this Police at all, but went straight to their homes and died there.

At the Marine Court to-day Ah Man, a seaman belonging to the Siamese barque *Princess Saraphi*, was charged with desertion. Defendants stated in defence that he came on shore and had a little drink and did not like to return; sent to six days' hard labour at order of Captain.

The usual fortnightly entertainment at the Temperance Hall last evening was fairly well attended and a very pleasant hour and a half was spent. The best feature of the entertainment was the superior recitations of a gentleman who has lately come forward to assist. Mr. Braddon was in the chair and kept the audience in good humour by his quaint remarks.

Mr. Bernard and Mr. King, the Chief and Third Engineers of the steamer *Yesso*, were arrested by the Police this afternoon on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the late catastrophe on board that vessel. The Inspector on duty refused to allow bail, pending instructions from the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police.

H. E. The Hoppe of Canton proceeds to Swatow in the Chinese Cruiser *Peng-Chau-Hai* on an official visit, taking with him his seals of office, and about a hundred of his suite. His Excellency, accompanied by the Canton Commissioner of Customs (Mr. J. McLeary Brown) paid an official visit to H. E. Governor Hennessy to-day, and on landing was received with the usual salute from the shore battery. The *Peng-chau-hai* and the two other Chinese gunboats in harbour were gallily decorated on the occasion. Mr. T. Marsh Brown was in attendance on His Excellency.

We have been favoured with a copy of the following Government notification:—
CALAMITY ON BOARD THE "YESSO."
His Excellency the Governor has received the following Telegram from the Right Honourable The Earl of Carnarvon, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

By Command,
J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 27th November, 1877.

DOWLING STREET,
LONDON, Nov. 26th, 1877.

I have heard with deep regret of the calamity on board the Steamer *Yesso*, announced in your Telegrams.

(Signed) CARNARVON.

The men who survive the injuries received on board the *Yesso* have been taken away by their friends, by permission of H. E. the Governor. One of them, we understand, was in a very critical condition, but the others were in a fair way to do well, and there were hopes of the ultimate recovery of the bulk of them under the careful treatment they were receiving at the hands of Surgeon Mowll, the Colonial Surgeon, and Dr. Wherry; but what will be come of them now it would be hard to say. The wretched sufferers were removed to-day by some of their clansmen, amidst a drizzling rain or Scotch mist, and the air was anything but that in which men in their condition were likely to gain in strength. Dr. Wherry, in his evidence before the Coroner yesterday, said that he was of opinion that the exposure to which many of them were subjected whilst being removed to the Hospital from the steamer was sufficient to cause death; and in the face of this professional opinion it seems a mistake to permit their removal. We believe that Mr. Ah Yoh is having the men removed at his own expense.

It is said that the steamer *Oceanic* will be withdrawn from the Chinese service and sent to London, and her place on the route will be supplied by another of the White Star Line steamers—*S. S. Africa*.

Mr. G. Wiley Walla, the new Consul-General at Shanghai, has not, it seems, left absolute peace at home behind him. Mr. Manning, of Mississippi, his successor in Congress, has prepared a line of charges against him for the purpose of preventing his confirmation in his present office. But it appears that upon these charges being submitted to the consideration of Senator Lamar, the leading southern democrat, that gentleman refused to have anything to do with them. So Mr. Walla is not likely to be shaken or disturbed by this particular effort.—*Tribune Times*.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *L. & O. Express*, writing from Glasgow over the signature of "W." says:—"Sir, The attention which was called by one of your correspondents recently to the influence that may possibly be brought to bear upon the subject of public education at Hongkong recalls a controversy which, at the time when I was resident in the Colony, was carried on with considerable warmth on this subject. One or two well-meaning, but scarcely far-sighted gentlemen—prominent among whom was the Rev. Dr. Fitz—were strongly in favour of the schools not being under ecclesiastical, but being made Christian. The commendable character of the feelings which influenced them nobody can fail to recognize, but how right Mr. Stewart, the Inspector of Schools, was in withholding this suggestion, will, I should think, be fully recognized at the present time even by those who advocated it. If the schools were made denominational there is little doubt what denomination would be favoured by a Catholic governor, and the undeniability of public education being made a medium of proselytizing the Chinese must be apparent, when this bearing of the subject is taken into consideration."

INQUEST.
FIFTH DAY.

The adjourned inquest on the bodies of those who met their death by the accident on board the s.s. *Yesso* was resumed to-day at the Magistracy.

A plan of the boilers was laid on the table, shewing the sections of the plates. Theo. Bernard, the Chief Engineer, was again examined; he said: When I went into the boiler six months ago I did not go right up to the gusset stays, but simply looked at them at a distance. I am aware that a flat surface must be very strongly supported. It did not occur to me to examine these stays. I considered that the Second Engineer would report to me in the event of anything being wrong. It was his duty to do so; he has been in the ship seven months. I have looked at the stays on previous occasions. Had I seen any of the stays gone I should have had them replaced by new ones. I should have done this in the event of only one being gone; I should not have considered it safe to go on with one stay gone.

By a juror—I made the examination of the boiler after the Third Engineer joined the steamer.

Examination continued.—I never asked the Third Engineer the state of the stays in the boiler and he never reported anything about them. I have often asked him how everything was below in the boiler, and the reply was all right. I last examined the stays eight or nine months ago; they had corroded a little but not anything worth noticing.

By Mr. Brereton.—It is usual for all boilers even of the very best to be more or less corroded after six months, and corrosion does not necessarily imply danger, unless it is very deep in the iron. The average age of Lowmoor iron to withstand corrosion is 6 or 8 years. I should not consider that boilers such as the *Yesso* would corrode in three or four years. I do not think a boiler could last nine years without thorough overhauling. I should not have expected overhauling to this accident, that boilers such as the *Yesso*'s would have been corroded to such an extent as was the case with regard to the stays. I have been in the habit of going into the boiler and making an examination, about every three months or six months, two or three times a year. I have considered the superheater part of the boiler requiring the greatest attention. It is the custom on board of all steamers in which they carry three engineers for the Third Engineer to take the boilers under his special care. I have never seen the third engineer of the *Yesso* inside the boilers although I know that he has been inside them. I did not consider the boilers in a dangerous state when I last examined them. I never knew an accident to happen before from the corrosion of the stays. I am quite sure that it is the duty of the Third Engineer to report any serious defects he may have discovered to the Chief Engineer; this is the custom on board all ships. It would be his duty to report to me any repairs that were required which would likely to delay the ship. He should not report to the Second. The Third Engineer has never reported to me any defects in the stays or any other part of the boiler. On coming into the Harbour on Thursday everything was done exactly as it has been my usual to do it for the last eleven years.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.
I HAVE This Day admitted Mr. WILLIAM LEGG as a PARTNER in my Business, which will hereafter be conducted under the Style of **HUGHES & LEGG.**
W. KERRFOOT HUGHES.
Hongkong, November 1, 1877. jal

NOTICE.
MR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st July, 1877.
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, September 23, 1877.

NOTICE.
I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port as a GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.
J. Y. VERNON SHAW.
Hongkong, November 1, 1877. my1

NOTICE.
I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port as a GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.
W. SCHRIEVER.
Hankow, November 9, 1877. del5

NOTICE.
THE Business of SHARE and GENERAL BROKER, hitherto conducted in my name, will now be carried on under the Style of **COHEN & HEATON**, Mr. ALEXANDER MACGLASHAN HEATON having This Day become a PARTNER therein.
CHAS. C. COHEN.
Hongkong, November 1, 1877. jal

NOTICE.
FROM This Date Mr. EDWARD SHEPARD and Mr. M. W. GREGG, are authorized to Sign our Firm per Procuration at Foochow, and Mr. F. F. ELWELL at Amoy.
RUSSELL & Co.
China, June 1, 1877. del

NOTICE.
MR. JAMES AYTON MANN is authorized to Sign our Firm by Procuration.
GEPP & Co.
Canton, November 1, 1877. jal

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

GERMAN BARK FERDINAND BRUMM, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
MELOHERS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, November 26, 1877. no28

BRITISH BARK ORANGE GROVE, FROM HIOGO.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods, otherwise they will be landed and stored at their risk.
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, November 26, 1877. de3

GERMAN STEAMER FERONIA, SCHURZ, MASTER, FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Underwriter, from whence delivery may be obtained.
Consignees wishing to take delivery of their Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.
Goods remaining in store after the 30th Instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded in written notice to the contrary is given until 10 o'clock to-morrow.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **Wm. POSTAU & Co., Agents.**
Hongkong, November 23, 1877. no30

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. NEMESIS having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of Messrs. NORRIS & Co., whence delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before Noon on Monday, the 26th Instant.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the 30th Instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **OLIPHANT & Co., Agents.**
Hongkong, November 24, 1877. no30

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
S. S. EMERALDA, FROM MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Underwriter.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
J. Y. V. SHAW.
Hongkong, November 23, 1877.

BRITISH BARK FIRTH OF TAY, FROM SYDNEY.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, November 21, 1877. no28

PACIFIC MAIL S. S. COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer **CHINA**, from San Francisco and Yokohama, are hereby informed that their Cargo is being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, November 17, 1877.

Mails.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE-FRANCAIS.

STEAM-FOR.
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUER, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES;

ALSO,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 29th November, 1877, at Noon, the Company's S. S. **ANADYR**, Commandant MOREAU, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPOILS, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.
Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 28th November, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)
Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUEY, Agent.
Hongkong, November 23, 1877. no29



STEAM-FOR.
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton, and London,

ALSO,
Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship GFWALLOR, Captain J. C. BABY, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 6th December, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to **A. LIND, Superintendent.**
Hongkong, November 23, 1877. del

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THE S. S. "BELGIO" will be dispatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 8th December, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.
Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.
Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 7th December. PARCELS PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.
A Reduction is made on Return Passage Tickets.
For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.
G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, November 27, 1877. del

To Let.

TO LET.
NOS. 4, and 5, PECHILI TERRACE, ELGIN STREET.
Apply to **LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.**
Hongkong, July 30, 1877.

AN OFFICE TO LET.
Apply to **LANDSTEIN & Co.**
Hongkong, September 15, 1877.

TO LET.
HOUSE No. 10, Albany Road, lately occupied by the Rev. E. H. KIPP.
House No. 1, Pek-fu-lum, furnished.
House No. 2, Seymour Terrace.
Nos. 9 and 11, Queen's Road Central, with spacious Godowns attached, at present occupied by Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIN.
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, October 18, 1877.

TO LET.
THE Dwelling House and Office No. 1, D'Almeida Street, lately in the occupation of Messrs. DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
Apply to **DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.**
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And notice is hereby given that at the expiration of the last-mentioned day, the said **JOHN FAIRBAIN** will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said **JAMES SMITH FERRIES** amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims of which the said **JOHN FAIRBAIN** has then had notice; and that the said **JOHN FAIRBAIN** will not be liable for the Assets or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person of whose claim the said **JOHN FAIRBAIN** has not had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 1877.
WM. H. BREBETON,
Solicitor for the said **JOHN FAIRBAIN.**
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IN THE GOODS OF PROSPER EDOUARD HENRI DERODE.—Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other Persons having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of **PROSPER EDOUARD HENRI DERODE**, late of Lille, France, who died at Cannes, France, on the 10th day of December, 1869, and Letters of Administration of whose personal Estate were duly granted to **ANDRE DAMMANN**, of Canton in the Empire of China, Merchant, by the Supreme Court of Hongkong in its Probate Jurisdiction on the 28th day of October, 1877, are hereby required to send in writing the particulars of their CLAIMS or DEMANDS to the said **ANDRE DAMMANN** at his address aforesaid, or to the Underwriter **WILLIAM HENRY BREBETON**, the Solicitor of the said **ANDRE DAMMANN**, at the Office of the said **WILLIAM HENRY BREBETON**, 29, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on or before the 1st day of February, 1878.

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